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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method comprising:
receiving color images from source clients via a computer network;
~~communicating the color images to destination clients via the computer network; and~~
modifying the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices
associated with the source clients; and
communicating the modified color images to destination clients via the computer
network.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the color
images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination
clients.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the color
images at a network server, wherein the network server includes a web server, and the images are
accessible via a web site served by the web server.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the color
images at a network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients include auction
sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients include
photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

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Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising characterizing the colorimetric responses of the display devices by delivering a series of web pages to the client that guide the clients through a color profiling process.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:
guiding the clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the clients;
generating web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and
transmitting the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images.

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Claim 9 (Currently amended): The method of claim 8, wherein the network server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookies.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a fee for each modified image.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, further comprising:
permitting the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging the fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 11, further comprising:
permitting the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging the fee only in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, the method further comprising calculating a fee for each modified image, and charging the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in an auction sale.

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Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers, the method further comprising calculating, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charging the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A computer readable medium containing program code that causes a programmable processor to:
receive color images from source clients via a computer network;
~~communicate the color images to destination clients via the computer network; and~~
modify the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients; and
communicate the modified color images to destination clients via the computer network.

Claim 17 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the code causes the processor to modify the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination clients.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the images are accessible via a web site served by a network server.

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Claim 19 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the code causes the processor to modify the color images at a network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 20 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers.

Claim 21 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the source clients are photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 22 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the code causes the processor to characterize the colorimetric responses of the display devices by guiding the clients through a color profiling process.

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Claim 23 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code causes the processor to guide the client through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the client.

Claim 24 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the color profiling process includes estimating a gamma for each of the display devices.

Claim 25 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code causes the processor to:

guide the clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the clients;

generate web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and

transmit the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images.

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Claim 26 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code causes the processor to control a network server that modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookies.

Claim 27 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the network server includes a color server that modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookies.

Claim 28 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 29 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code causes the processor to calculate a fee for each modified image.

Claim 30 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the code causes the processor to:

permit the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charge the fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 31 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, and the code causes the processor to calculate a fee for each modified image, and charge the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in an auction sale.

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Claim 32 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein the code causes the processor to:

permit the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging the fee only in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 33 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein the code causes the processor to:

permit the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging the fee only in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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Claim 34 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, and the code causes the processor to calculate, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charge the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

Claim 35 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the program code is contained both in physical data storage media and signals transmitted between the client and other resources on the computer network.

Claim 36 (Currently amended): A system comprising:
a network server that receives color images from source clients and communicates the color images to destination clients; and
a color image server that modifies the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients so that the color images sent to the destination clients are modified color images.

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Claim 37 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the color image server modifies the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the destination clients.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 36, wherein the network server includes a web server, and the images are accessible via a web site served by the web server.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 36, wherein the color image server modifies the color images before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 40 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

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Claim 41 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 42 (Original): The system of claim 36, further comprising a color profile server that guides the source and destination clients through a color profiling process to obtain information characterizing the colorimetric responses of the display devices associated with the clients.

Claim 43 (Original): The system of claim 42, wherein the color profile server guides the source and destination clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the client.

Claim 44 (Original): The system of claim 42, wherein the color profiling server guides the clients through the color profiling process by delivering a series of web pages to the clients, and generates web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process, the clients transmitting the web cookies to the network server.

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Claim 45 (Currently amended): The system of claim 44, wherein the color image server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookies.

Claim 46 (Original): The system of claim 44, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 47 (Original): The system of claim 36, further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates a fee for each modified image.

Claim 48 (Original): The system of claim 47, wherein the fee calculation module charges the fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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Claim 49 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, the system further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates a fee for each modified image, and charges the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in an auction sale.

Claim 50 (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, the system further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charges the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:
receiving color images from source clients via a computer network;

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storing the color images at a network server that includes a web server, wherein the stored images are accessible via a web site maintained by the web server;

~~communicating the color images to destination clients that access the web site via the computer network;~~

characterizing the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process; and

modifying the color images based on the colorimetric responses of the display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients; and

communicating the modified color images to destination clients that access the web site via the computer network.

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Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising modifying the color images at the network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising: generating web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and

transmitting the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images, wherein the network server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookie.

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Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, wherein the color images form parts of web pages received by the destination clients from the web server.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising:
permitting the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging a fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 51, further comprising:
permitting the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging a fee to the destination clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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Claim 59 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium containing program code that causes a programmable processor to:

- receive color images from source clients via a computer network;
- store the color images at a network server that includes a web server, wherein the stored images are accessible via a web site maintained by the web server;
- ~~communicate the color images to destination clients that access the web site via the computer network;~~
- characterize the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process; and
- modify the color images based on the colorimetric responses of the display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients; and
- communicate the color images to destination clients that access the web site via the computer network.

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Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to modify the color images at a network server before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the source clients are photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

B1 Claim 63 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to:
generate web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process; and
transmit the web cookies to a network server for use in the modification of the color images, wherein the code causes the processor to control the network server to modify the color images based on the contents of the web cookie.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 63, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the source clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charge a fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.

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Claim 66 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the code causes the processor to:
permit the destination clients to specify whether the color images are to be modified;
charging a fee in the event modification of the color images is specified.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented): The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the source clients are auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients are auction buyers, and the code causes the processor to calculate, for each modified image, a fee based on a percentage of the sales amount paid between source and destination clients involved in an auction sale, and charge the fee to one or both of the source and destination clients involved in the auction sale.

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Claim 68 (Previously Presented): A system comprising:
a network server that receives color images from source clients via a computer network, stores the color images, and communicates the color images to destination clients via a web site accessed by the destination clients;
a color profiling server that characterizes the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients by delivering a series of web pages that guide the source and destination clients through a color profiling process; and
a color image server that modifies the color images based on the colorimetric responses of display devices associated with the source clients and the destination clients.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the color image server modifies the color images before communication of the color images to the destination clients.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the source clients include auction sellers, the images represent auction items, and the destination clients include auction buyers.

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Claim 71 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the source clients include photographers, and the images represent photographs taken by the photographers.

Claim 72 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the color profiling server generates web cookies for the clients containing information representing the results of the color profiling process, the clients transmits the web cookies to the network server, and the color image server modifies the color images based on the contents of the web cookie.

61 Claim 73 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 68, wherein the network server resides on the World Wide Web, and the color images form parts of web pages received by the clients from the network server.

Claim 74 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 36, further comprising a fee calculation module that calculates and charges a fee to the source clients in the event modification of the color images is specified.
